## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for the treatment of epidermal lesions with liquid nitrogen therapy, comprising the steps of:

administering liquid nitrogen to the epidermal lesion; and applying a topical anesthetic to the epidermal lesion and the surrounding epidermis following the administration of the liquid nitrogen.

- 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of applying the topical anesthetic occurs during the thawing of the epidermal lesion.
- 3. The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of applying the topical anesthetic occurs after the thawing of the epidermal lesion.
- 4. The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of relieving the pain associated with the thawing of the epidermal lesion.
- 5. The method of Claim 4 wherein the relief of pain occurs in about fifteen seconds following application of the topical anesthetic.